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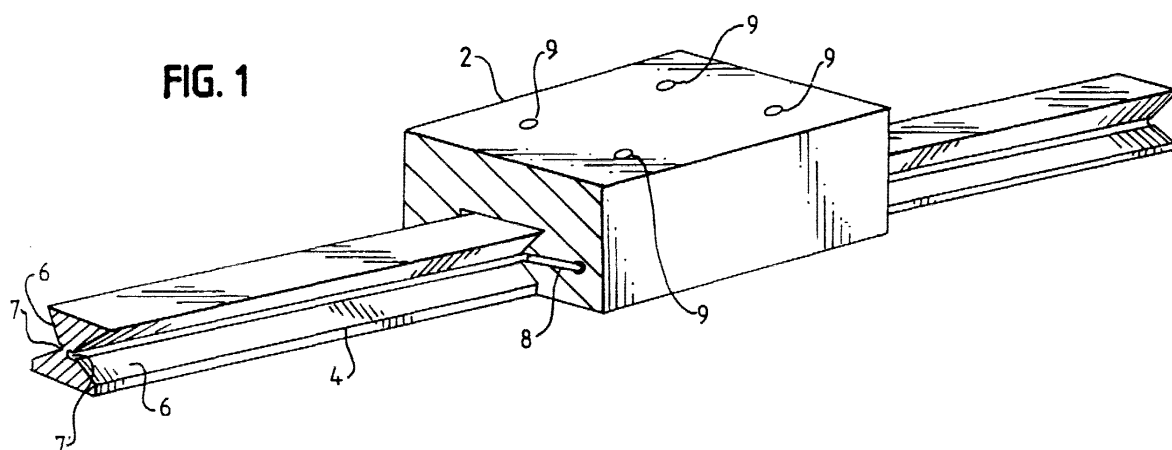
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(54) **Traveller car with recirculating ball bearings and bearing retainer**

(57) A traveler comprises a car (2) slideably held on a track (4), and is useful for applications including trimming a sailboat mast or sail. The car (2) has two side portions each with a race (20) with an open portion (22). Ball bearings (16) are contained in each race (20) that are rotatably engaged between the race open portions (22) and the grooves (6) on the sidewalls of the track

(4). The car further has retaining means (8) for holding the ball bearings (16) in place along the open portion (22) of the race when the car (2) is removed from the track (4). The retaining means (8) are movably received by the track groove (6), and otherwise allow for free rotational engagement of the groove (6) by the bearings (16).





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